The Selwyn Foundation Ageing Well Grants

Expression of interest

Purpose

The Selwyn Foundation Ageing Well Grants aim to continue the vision of the Ageing Well National Science Challenge: adding life to years for all older New Zealanders.

They support research and community initiatives that:

- Preserve dignity into old age by maintaining mental, cognitive, and physical health.
- Promote health, wellbeing, and independence for older people.
- Strengthen older people's resilience and capability to age well in place.
- Support ageing in place through intergenerational engagement and community connection.

Eligibility criteria

1. **Expressions of interest (EOI) are due 26 February 2027, 5:00pm**
2. Two awards of $25,000 are available. Successful applicants will only hold one award:
    - Early-career research into ageing well, or
    - Community-based research or applying research to improve outcomes for older people.
3. Each applicant for these awards must submit their EOI on the prescribed form (below) which applies to both awards.
4. Each EOI must include an up-to-date copy of the early-career or lead community researcher's CV.
5. Applicants for the **early-career research award** must:
    - be at the beginning of their research career (no more than six (6) years full-time equivalent in an active research role after completing their highest research degree),
    - have a clear development pathway, including how mentors are supporting the applicant,
    - have not held individual competitive research grants above $300,000 previously,
    - be employed by a New Zealand organisation that conducts research, be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and have New Zealand as their principal domicile, and
    - meet all relevant institutional and research governance, including ethics approval.

6. Applicants for the **community research award** must be either:
    - employed by a New Zealand host organisation, be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents, and have New Zealand as their principal domicile, OR
    - be a registered New Zealand charity working in the community with older people.
7. The project for which an award is made should generally be completed within one (1) year.
8. On completion of the research project, the holder of an award must present a short report and ‘lay report’ to the Office for Seniors.

All applicants will receive an email confirmation that the EOI has been received. If you do not receive an email, please contact the Office for Seniors.

Applicants selected to submit a full proposal will be contacted in mid-March.

Expression of Interest form

Use this form to express your interest in a Selwyn Foundation Ageing Well Grant.

Email enquiries and completed Expressions of Interest to: ofs@msd.govt.nz **Applications must be received by 5:00pm on 26 February 2027.**

Attach a CV to support your application. Do not attach any other information, it will not be considered in your application.

Section 1. Personal Details

Name of applicant:

Email:

Which award are you applying for? (Check one)

☐ Early-career Research Grant ☐ Community Research and Innovation Grant

Confirmation

☐ I confirm my application meets the eligibility requirements for the grant above.

2. Research proposal details

Provisional research title (150 character limit):

Plain language summary of the proposed research (1000 character limit):
In plain language, briefly describe your project and what it aims to achieve .

Provide a brief outline of the proposed research **(2000 character limit):**
Consider the following:

- Rationale for the research, such as community need or research gaps
- Research aims and/or objectives
- Indicative research design and methods
- What deliverable/s the project will produce
- Who will benefit from the project and how (may be detailed further in part 3)

Outline how each intended project team member will contribute **(1000 character limit):**

3. Alignment with the Ageing Well Grant

Explain how your project supports one or more of the following (2000 character limit)

- health, wellbeing and independence
- resilience and capability
- social connection and participation
- ageing in place
- research and innovation that improves outcomes for older people

Declaration

☐ To the best of my knowledge the information provided in this application is true and correct.

☐ I understand the information supplied in this application may be used for assessment purposes